

TORTURE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

A writer gives in *Quoted Magazine* some gruesome details of prison life and tortures in Morocco. The latter are so reminiscent of the Middle Ages and the Inquisition, that one almost forgets that this is the twentieth century. He says:—

The torture of offenders, real and suspected, has been, and is still, much practiced. Much ingenuity is shown in the infliction of pain—such devices as the rubbing of red pepper into the eye-balls, pulling out the tongue with a fish-hook, tying up the wrists at a height from the ground. At the death of the late Sultan a pretender proclaimed himself the rightful heir to the throne, and had a certain success. When presently overcome by the legitimate authorities, he was seized, bound, and thrown down, when chillies were applied to the inside of his mouth till he swelled in exquisite pain, and he was desired to shout out his titles and qualities as much as he pleased, being, of course, unable to utter a word. After that he was thrown into a tub of water till he died. A refinement of cruelty is the torture by the "iron glove," as it is called. A lump of quicklime is placed in a man's hand, which is closed up into a fist. Then the fist is tightly bound with leather thongs and plunged into a tub of cold water. The agony soon becomes extreme. The torture is continued for eight or ten days, until in the end mortification ensues and probably death.

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Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jerram	Amoy
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Hongkong
Argonaut	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Hongkong
Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain George H. Cherry	Hongkong
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Captain F. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Britomart	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Creasy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Chornib	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Amoy
Edgipia	cruiser, 2nd class	6800	11	9600	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Esk	3-b. 3rd class coast defence	365	3	200	—	—
Epigle	torpedo boat destroyer	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Shanghai
Fame	cruiser, 3rd class	380	6	6700	—	—
Fearless	gunboat, 2nd class	1580	12	3200	Comdr. John J. Graham	Amoy
Firebrand	gunboat, 1st class	455	4	860	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Gloria	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Goliath	torpedo boat destroyer	12,350	16	13,500	Lieut.-Com. G. O. Hardy	Shanghai
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	—
Hunter	storeship	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Daintree	Shanghai
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	1640	—	800	Fleet Reserve	Shanghai
Kinab	river gunboat	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtze-Kiang
Kinab	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Canton
Moorth	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderleath	Hongkong
Mutina	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Captain R. W. White	Hongkong
Phaon	torpedo boat destroyer	850	8	6300	Lt.-Com. C. P. Mansel	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	1015	8	1400	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Amoy
Ramirez	surveying-vessel	3600	8	7000	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Hongkong
Rinaldo	ship	835	6	650	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
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Rosario	ship	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. John P. Irven	Canton
Sandpiper	river gunboat	980	6	1400	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Shanghai
Saipu	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9600	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4635	6	2	Comdr. R. W. Dalgaty	Shanghai
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Tweed	coast defence gunboat	383	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Woo-sung
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Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	6250	20	12,800	Captain Dredger	Nanking
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Filla	Canton River
Bengali	French gunboat	4009	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Haiphong
Bugonant	French cruiser	800	—	—	Captain de Pampelonne	Nanking
Chateaufort	French cruiser	525	—	—	Commander Lavel	Saigon
Comete	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Lamy	Haiphong
Decidiee	French gunboat	814	14	12,500	Captain Fournet	Shanghai
d'Entrecasteaux	French flag	8739	10	9000	Captain Ferris	Tonkin
Fréant	French cruiser	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Galleur	Woo-sung
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Béne	Canton
Leon	French gunboat	3988	13	8500	Captain Serès	Saigon
Olry	French cruiser	9437	8	8071	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Captain Sautès	Shanghai
Polkorthable	French cruiser	829	2	900	Captain Bonifay	Saigon
Styr	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Kwongshawan
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Morner	Yangtze
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Along Bay
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Ce. ndr. Villeneuve	Canton
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441		Saigon
Viper	French gunboat	—	—	—		
Bussard	German cruiser	1600	8	2900	Comdr. Huss	Kiautschou
Fürst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	38	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Amoy
Geier	German cruiser	1600	8	—	Comdr. Wuttmann	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. van Semmern	Foochow
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Ingenohl	Amoy
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Commander Platen	Kiautschou
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Hongkong
Luchs	German gunboat	550	10	—	Comdr. Kroncke	Yangtze
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Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6343	Captain John Boet	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	16	10,543	Captain Botti	Amoy
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2500	32	13,000	Captain Armona	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4600	14	6820	Captain Zeni	Shanghai
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	750	—	—	Captain d'Azavedo	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Leal	Macao
Alcant	Russian gunboat	510	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramschkeff	Port Arthur
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Gromof	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jesson	Nagasaki
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Pensiet	Russian battleship	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Nagasaki
Petrovlovsk	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Jakovleff	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Ozeroff	Port Arthur
Rasborynsk	Russian battleship	1834	10	3788	Comdr. Liven	Kwongshawan
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	32	17,000	Captain Segelrennpoft	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	36	13,250	Capt. Matsuevich	Nagasaki
Savastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Serubrennikoff	Nagasaki
Sitch	Russian gunboat	850	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
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Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Commander Karl Robber	Canton
Callao	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. E. A. Anderson	Munlia
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1159	8	1600	Commander C. G. Bowman	Amoy
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Manila	U. S. gunboat	11,500	41	10,000	Captain C. H. Stockton	Manila
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
at the Company's Office.

6 p.m.—Meeting of Royal Hongkong
Yacht Club at Cricket Club Pavilion.

Tender Closed.
Noon.—Tenders for War Department
Contracts, received at the Head-
quarters Office.

Auction.
2.30.—Auction of Household Furniture,
do., at No. 8, Granville Avenue, Kow-
loon.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Macaron* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Indra Maru* not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
Friday, March 6:—
Goods per *Valentin* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Saturday, March 7:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, do., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's
Sales Rooms.

3 p.m.—Regimental Sports at Whitfield
Camp, Kowloon.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Hotel
Co., Ltd., closed from this date to
the 15th March, inclusive.



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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

44th February, 1903.

BIRTHS.
On the 23rd February, the wife of J. A.
Hamilton, Central Engine Works, Singa-
pore, of a Daughter.
At Fochow, on 19th February, Mrs.
CARL ROSEMAN, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Maxim Practice.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary
published yesterday notifies that infor-
mation has been received from the military
authorities that Maxim gun practice will
be carried out at Kowloon on the 5th, 6th
and 7th March, commencing at about 9 a.m.

Mishap.
A European passenger fell overboard
from one of the Star Ferry launches last
night. The launch was lying alongside the
jetty at Hongkong, and the passenger was
crossing the gangway when he slipped and
fell between the boat and the pier. He
escaped with a wetting.

A Successful Debutante.
Miss Constance Dwyer, who, although
a complete novice, replaced Miss Agnes
Fraser at two days' notice at the first pro-
duction of the new Savoy Opera 'A
Princess of Kensington,' a daughter of
the late Colonel W. S. Dwyer, C.S.I., a
former Commissioner of Police in Madras.
Miss Dwyer has two brothers in the
Madras Army, Captain J. W. Dwyer being
in the 11th Coerig Infantry, and Captain
T. J. Dwyer in the 26th Madras Infantry.
This young lady's debut was pronounced
on all hands a brilliant success.

Borneo Rice Duty.
A day or two ago (writes the Sandakan
correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press*),
a telegram from His Excellency the Gov-
ernor was received here notifying the
authorities that the import duty of 20 cents
per pikul on rice was to be taken off at
further notice. This came rather as a
surprise, though such a step had practically
been promised to the Chinese merchants
here some months ago by the Governor.
The deleting of this tax cannot fail to do a
lot of good, and we hope an increase in the
importations of rice will prove so much to
the Government in a practical form. It is
reported that the native crop on the West
Coast is an absolute failure this year, and
this may in part have influenced the
Governor in his step.

The West River.
At the Committee meeting of the
Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce on the 17th February, the following
letter was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903.
Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the
20th of October last, I am directed to in-
form you that His Majesty's Consul Gen-
eral at Canton has reported that the Chinese
authorities have agreed to grant additional
facilities for passenger traffic on the West
River, and that the following places have
been opened as ports of call: Do Sing,
Yuet Ling, Luk To, Luk Po, How Lik, Kan
Kong, Ma Ning and Yung Ki.

I am also informed that the steamers
'Saimun' and 'Nanning' have already
commenced calling at these places.—
I have, etc.,
(Signed) F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary.
The Chairman said this letter was a most
satisfactory communication.

The Currency Question.
The following paragraph in the minutes
of the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce Committee meeting on the 17th
February explains the position taken up by
the Committee at the Special Meeting of
members held on the 18th February:—
The Secretary reported that, in response
to a requisition dated 10th February, signed
by Messrs Edward Osborne, G. W. F.
Playfair, J. R. Michael, W. G. Humphreys
and Bradley & Co., a Special General
Meeting of the Members had been called
for the following day at 3.15 p.m. for the
purpose of discussing the question of
local currency, and that, in order to comply
with By-Law No. V, notice had been given
of the following Resolution to be proposed
by Mr. Edward Osborne:—'That in the
opinion of this Meeting it is desirable the
Straits Currency Commission should extend
its enquiries to Hongkong with a view to
ascertaining whether reform of the Colony's
currency arrangements is advisable.' A
long discussion ensued as to the exact
meaning of the Resolution as worded. A
'reform in the Colony's currency arrange-
ments' could, it was felt, only mean the
adoption of a gold standard with or without
China, and the Committee, with the excep-
tion of Mr. R. C. Wilcox, agreed that such
being the case they could not support it.
It was decided, however, to first hear the
arguments addressed by those putting for-
ward the proposal before taking the vote
of the Committee as a body.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY
L OOSEN'S cough, relieves the lungs
and opens the secretions. It com-
bats any tendency of a cold to result
in pneumonia. It is unequalled for colds,
it always cures and cures quickly. For
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eral Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The Welsh Anthracite coal mine
owners form a combine with a capital of
£4,400,000.

Mr. T. Jones, of the Chartered Bank,
goes from Batavia to Bangkok to relieve
Mr. J. Forbes, gone home on leave.

Mr. John Turner has accepted the seat
on the Straits Legislative Council made
vacant by the retirement of the Hon. J. M.
B. Vornont, C.M.G.

The International Banking Corpora-
tion and Messrs Wilkinson, Heywood and
Clark, Limited, have been elected members
of the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce.

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel is reported
to have improved in health and spirits
during his stay in Johore. He leaves
Singapore for England on 3rd April, per P.
and O. mail steamer.

The N. D. L. *Borneo*, a new boat
destined for the timber trade between
Saidan and Hongkong, and fitted for
ten first-class passengers, has been launched
at Lubbock. She carries 3,300 tons dead
weight, and steamed eleven knots on her
trial.

The *Malay Mail* announces that Mr.
H. J. Crowe, who has conducted the *Perak
Pioneer* with so much ability during the
past three years, leaves for Penang at the
end of this month to join the editorial staff
of the new paper which is shortly starting
in Penang. The new paper is owned by
Chinese in Penang and the Native States.

Excessive Passengers.
At the Magistracy, to-day, the master
of the Chinese launch, *Wing Fat*, was
fined \$50 for carrying 53 passengers in
excess of his licensed number. P.C. Jack-
son prosecuted.

The Plague.
Two more fatal cases of plague are re-
ported to-day—one at No. 3 Wing Fung
Street and another on board the s.s. *Kwai
Yang* in the Harbour. We regret to hear
that plague-infected rats have been found
in the Peak District.

Football.
To-morrow afternoon on the Happy
Valley in the semi-finals for the 'Football
Shield,' H. M. S. *Glory* will play H. M. S.
Ocean, kick-off at four o'clock. This is
expected to be a very fine match. The
final will be played on Saturday next at 4
p.m.

East-holes Cost Money.
Tang Sine Yee, owner of No. 115, Ying
Foo Street, Kennedy Town, was, at the
Magistracy, to-day, fined \$50 for not filling
up rat-holes in his premises. He was fur-
ther ordered to comply with the Sanitary
Board notice. Inspector Fincher pro-
secuted.

Canton and Wuchow.
A French company has been started in
Canton to run a steamboat service from
Canton to Wuchow. Three boats, in
sections, are on their way out from Mar-
seille, and the first boat will commence
running about September.

Chamber of Commerce Accounts.
At the last Committee meeting of the
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
the Secretary (Mr. A. R. Lowe) submitted
draft statements of Income & Expenditure
Account for 1902, showing excess of Income
over Expenditure of \$34,855 after writing
off deductions of the late Clerk during the
year amounting to \$2,695.63, less \$1,259
since recovered. The Balance Sheet show-
ed \$4,073.54 to the credit of the 'Pinnacle
Rock Fund' and \$12,153.02 to the credit
of the 'Reserve Fund.' The Accounts were
passed, subject to audit, and the Chairman
(Hon. C. S. Sharp) remarked that had pre-
vious years' statements been framed in a
similar manner, instead of being merely
summaries of cash receipts and payments,
the defalcations of the Clerk in recent
years would probably have been found out
before reaching any great extent.

The 'Directory and Chronicle.'
Although a couple of months of the
year have already passed away, the annual
issue of the 'Directory and Chronicle' is
ever welcome. The issue just received
fully justifies the previous editions, as it
maintains its former reputation, and keeps
well up to date in its information. The
warmly-discussed Treaty signed by Sir
James Mackay finds a place in the ap-
pendix, so that residents may refer to it
when their provisions are carried out, or
otherwise. We may notice that the de-
scriptive portion of Wei-hai-wei has been
brought up to the present—as Admiral
Fremantle would say, as a proof of the
inconsistency of the British Admiralty.
But Mr. Stewart Lockhart, the High Com-
missioner, is not an Admiral. Two or
three new plans have either been added or
improved, and this feature of the work is
a credit to the publishers. For many years
the publishers (the *Hongkong Daily Press*)
may well be congratulated upon its
steady advancement in usefulness and
accuracy. Indeed, it is fast becoming too
large to include the entire range of the
East in one widely volume.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese Golfer.
Mr. Chung Ah Yung has taken to golf.
He is probably the first Chinaman in these
parts playing the game, says the *Perak
Pioneer*.

Wandering Boats.
Asa Singh appeared before Mr. Haz-
land, to-day, at the Magistracy, to show
cause why he permitted several head of
cows and buffalo to wander without control
at Yau-mati. He was fined \$10, with the
alternative of one month's imprisonment,
and he was also warned that if he did not
keep his cattle under proper control he
would be fined \$50 more.

Death of a Prominent Mason.
Mr. D. Murray Lyon, Past Grand
Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,
and author of the 'Standard History of
Freemasonry in Scotland,' died on Jan.
30 at Liberton, near Edinburgh. Deceased,
who was nearly 80 years of age, was ap-
pointed Grand Secretary 30 years ago, and
retired on pension three years ago. He
was well known all over the world as an
authority on Masonic law and literature.

The Borneo Railway.
The Sandakan correspondent of the
Singapore Free Press writes:—It is gener-
ally understood here that much of the
Jesselton movement is being quietly shelved
by the Government, and that various
works planned for that place will not be
put in hand, at least not for some time to
come. It is also reported here that Mr.
T. R. Hubbard will not come back to this
Service, the Court of Directors at Home
not being exactly pleased with his frank
report on the Railway from Jesselton. If
this is so, it will be a distinct loss to the
country, for undoubtedly Mr. Hubbard
was one of the best men the Service has
ever had.

Currency Notes in India.
It is stated in Calcutta (says the
Madras Mail) that Sir Edward Law will
shortly introduce a Bill to provide for a
universal RS Note, which will be legal
tender at all Currency Offices in India,
excluding Burma. Sir Edward Law's
proposed Currency Note Bill makes all RS
notes of each Centre cashable in all other
Centres, Rangoon alone excepted. It also
repeals, so far only as future issues are
concerned, the existing arrangement where-
by notes of RS10 and upwards issued in
places like Allahabad and Lahore are
cashable also in Presidency towns. It does
not restrict in any way the cashability of
notes already in circulation. It further
makes no new centres of issue; but each
can be created at any time, under the exist-
ing law, by Notification in the 'Gazette.'

Singapore Weather.
The *Straits Times*, of the 23rd Febru-
ary, says:—The dismal weather is a topic
of general conversation just now. Floods
have been frequent in various low-lying
parts of the town, and the heavy rains
have played havoc with the roads—
especially those composed of laterite. So
far as we are aware, no damage has
been sustained by the railway, which
was working throughout yester-
day. In Kranat Road, off Orchard
Road, yesterday, five shop-houses
which had just been erected, suc-
cumbed to the elements and collapsed
with a crash, but fortunately no one
was hurt. A heavy swell has prevailed
in the harbour, and incoming ships
report bad weather outside. Yesterday
the rain squalls were so bad that H.M.S.
Mutine sent down her topmasts, a rare
thing for a vessel to do in Singapore
harbour, and at 11 o'clock this morning
the sky was so overcast that it was found
necessary to light lamps in many offices
usually light enough.

The Status of Silver.
The New York correspondent of the
Standard called on the 29th January:—
The *Tribune* supplements the statement
made to the House of Representatives re-
garding co-operation between silver-using
countries to check the depreciation of their
currencies. Mexico and China have both
addressed the State Department on the
subject. The Chinese proposal is not
known, but it is doubtless similar to that
of Mexico, presented through the banker,
Mr. Cress, for a coinage system like that
designed by the Administration for the
Philippines, on the basis of thirty-two to
one. By a legislative vagary the House re-
jected this Bill, and substituted the exten-
sion to the Philippines of the United States
currency system, with dollars instead of
pesos. The Senate will ignore this action
by the House, and revert to the original
proposal. The State Department has also
received overtures for its friendly support
of the suggestion that England and France
should join with respect to the Straits Ter-
ritories and Indo-China, the desire being
to have a movement that shall be world-
wide. The *Evening Post* considers the mat-
ter important, but perceives nothing to
show that the scheme will operate better
than others like it which have failed.

THE UNLUCKY BOY
It's always getting his fingers burnt, his
hand cut, or his shoulder sprained.
His parents should keep a bottle of Cham-
berlain's Pain Balm in the house. This is
a liniment of superior merit. One applica-
tion gives relief. Try it. For sale by all
Dealers. Warriner, Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chai Mui.
For playing *chai mui* at Shek Tong
Tui, five Chinese brothel keepers were
fined \$10 each, at the Magistracy, to-day.

The Dead Watchman.
The dead body of the watchman who
fell overboard from the *Fame* has been
picked up off Hunghom.

Boy Killed.
A Portuguese boy fell from a verandah
of a house at Po Hing Fong lane, a distance
of sixty feet, yesterday. The boy, who was
just over five years of age, was killed on
the spot.

Spring Races Meeting.
In another column will be found the
programme of the Hongkong Jockey Club's
Spring Race Meeting, which is to be held
on Saturday, the 4th April. Six events are
down for decision. Entries must be sent
in before 5 p.m. on the 14th inst.

Careless Contractor.
As a warning to careless contractors
who allow lumps of mortar to fall from aloft
during the carrying-out of house repairs,
a builder who erred in this way whilst
working at 304, and 306, Queen's Road
West, was fined \$25, at the Magistracy,
to-day.

A Junk in Collision.
Messrs Bradley and Co.'s steamer
Siam, which arrived from Saigon yester-
day, reports having been in collision at 1
a.m. with a junk, which was sunk. The
crew of ten men, three women and
five children were rescued by the steamer
and brought on to Hongkong.

'Cornering' Seats.
The system adopted by some Chinese
patrons of their native theatres, according
to which rows of seats are 'cornered' by a
couple of individuals, very often leads to
trouble. Several charges of disorderly
conduct arising out of attempts to secure
purpose of selling them at a premium, were
threwed out at the Magistracy, to-day.
Five defendants were fined in amounts
varying from five dollars to one dollar.

A Gallant Rescue.
The *Standard* of the 30th January,
states:—Despatches received yesterday at
Plymouth from Hongkong report that when
the battle-ship *Albatross* was on her way up
from Singapore, and during collision at
exercise, a second-class petty officer, named
Scubbs, fell overboard. Commander
Kiddle, who was on the bridge, immedi-
ately dived after him and helped the man to
grasp the lifebuoy thrown to him. Both
were rescued by the lifeboat. They were
much exhausted, as a heavy sea was
running.

Coolie Troubles in Java.
The other day (says a Batavia journal),
a steamer called the *Bremen* arrived at
Mantok in the island of Banks with a con-
signment of coolies from Hongkong. These
coolies had been engaged to work at the
tin mines in that island. The coolies, owing
to some irregularities in the method of
recruiting them in China, refused to land
at Mantok, and raised disturbances of
board so that soldiers had to be called in
to restore order. So disorderly did the
coolies become, that the authorities had to
pack them off to Singapore. This inci-
dent has called attention to the way in which
coolies are recruited for the Banks tin
mines. These mines are worked by Gov-
ernment which gets the coolies from China,
not directly but through a contractor who
receives eighty dollars for every coolie land-
ed in Banks. The contractor at present is
a Chinaman, who gets advances from
Government: whenever a consignment is
on the way. The coolies are engaged in
China through professional recruiters who
see to the shipments going on regularly.
The eighty dollars head money is paid in
Banks on the coolies being found sound
upon arrival. Both recruiters and contrac-
tor do their best to make money to the
disadvantage of the coolies who are kept
purposely misinformed, owing to the mining
work in Banks having gained a bad name
among the Chinese labouring class. Of
late, on emigrant vessels arriving at
Mantok, many of the coolies have refused
to land on the ground that they had
engaged themselves for work at Singapore,
and had been kept ignorant of the fact that
Banks was their true destination. Very
often it takes a good deal of official persua-
sion to move the coolies to land at all.
All persuasion failed in the case of the
Bremen, to the heavy loss of the contractor.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.98	29.97	29.85
Temperature ...	81	82	85
Humidity ...	84	82	88
Direction of Wind ...	E	E	E
Force ...	4	3	3
Weather ...	0	0	0
Rain ...	0	0.71	—

Highest open air temperature on the 2nd ... 82.
Lowest open air temperature on the 2nd ... 69.
F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 4, 1903.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]
MACEDONIA.
London, March 2, 1903.

Hilmi Prasha has been appointed In-
spector General of Macedonia to supervise
reforms.

RUSSIA.
It is understood at St Petersburg that
M. Pokotiloff, Manager of the Russo-
Chinese Bank in Peking, will replace M.
Tatishoff as Russia's Financial Agent in
London, while M. Tatishoff will be ap-
pointed to a post in the Ministry of the
Interior.

**THE 'RESOLUTION' IN THE
GALE.**
Divers have found that H. M. S. *Re-
solution* lost her rudder entirely in the
recent gale.

THE HEALTH OF THE POPE.
Some anxiety is felt concerning the
health of the Pope, who is receiving Jubilee
deputations with manifest difficulty.

NAVAL.
H. M. S. *Collingwood* has proved to be
in a leaky condition on entering Plymouth.

THE BROUGHS' SEASON.

'The Magistrate.'

It would be too much to say that no
funnier piece than *The Magistrate* has ever
been written. Funnier plays there are,
but they are very few, and, saving perhaps
Weak Woman and *Charley's Aunt*, their
merit is mostly of an extravagant kind.
At Home, we only know one Mr.
Posket, Mr. Edward Terry's lank,
spare figure and that awful nose of his
come into the picture if one but thinks of
the Magistrate's trying experience. Here
we have had several excellent prior in-
troductions to the story, and, last night,
the merits and shortcomings of the A.D.O.
performance were weighed in the mental
balance of the audience during the pro-
gress of the three acts. 'Comparisons,'
as Mrs. Malaprop said, 'are odious,'
but tested by contrast the Amateurs had
no reason to blush for shame, whilst
Mr. Brough and his satellite stars of
admirable magnitude gave one of the best
interpretations of the comedy we have
had the pleasure of sitting through. Mr.
Brough is irresistible as Po-keet. In every
scene he had the house at his feet. As Mr.
Bullamy, Mr. Percy Walshe was very good;
and the Ciss Farrington of Mr. Leslie
Victor was an exceedingly smart bit of
acting. Mrs. Brough could scarcely im-
prove her Charlotte Verinder. Miss Susie
Vaughan, as Mrs. Posket, is also quite at
home. Her old lady is one of the best
types of the kind the stage has given.
It is drawn naturally and well. The other
parts were suitably filled, and the mount-

CANTONESE FLOT SEQUEL.

Chinese Honours for the Governor and Consuls.

We understand that His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong; Consul-General Scott, Canton; and the German Consul at Canton, will be decorated, very shortly, by the Chinese Government. Sir Henry Blake will, we believe, receive the three button dignity. This compliment, we are told, is meant to be an expression of the Imperial appreciation of the steps taken recently to suppress the Reformist attempt to capture Canton.

GEO. FENWICK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Directors have now to submit to the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902. The Net Profit for the year amounts to \$25,170.35, to which has to be added \$11,676.33 brought forward from last year's account. After payment of Directors and Auditor, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 15 per cent., or \$22,500 to Shareholders, to transfer to Reserve Fund \$8,000, and to carry forward \$8,000.68 to next year's account. During the earlier months of the year we were not fully employed; trade, however, improved as the year advanced, and although we had no very large contracts we put through a fair amount of general work.

Directors.—Mr. A. Rodger, according to the Articles, retire, but offers himself for re-election.
Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. Thomas Arnold, who offers himself for re-election.

W. PARLANE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1903.

PROPOSED LICENSING OF PILOTS.

Government Refuses to Take Action.

At the Committee meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce on the 17th ult., the following correspondence was read:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1903.

Sir,—With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposal to license the pilots of this port, I am directed to bring to your notice, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, further arguments in support of the proposal, with the object of inducing the Government to reconsider the decision previously arrived at.

From the copy of a circular letter enclosed herein, addressed by this Chamber to the shipping firms and agencies in this Colony, you will observe that their opinion was sought as to the advisability of otherwise bringing the pilots under control.

In answer to this enquiry, Messrs. Bradley and Co., the P. and O. S.N. Co., Melchers and Co., the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., Butterfield and Swire, Shaw, Tynes and Co., Gibb, Livingston and Co., David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Jardine, Matheson and Co., Pacific Mail S.S. Co., Oceanic and Oriental S.S. Co., and the Toyoko Kisen Kaisha, representing the chief shipping interest in this Colony, replied favouring the licensing of the pilots by an Examination Board possessing the necessary authority, and the opinion was expressed that as the authorities at other ports throughout the world were able to do this, there should be no difficulty in making similar arrangements in Hongkong.

No reply was received from the pilots. It is to be remembered that the Committee's grounds for making the proposal were that many of the older and more reliable pilots were not now available owing to deaths, old age, or retirement, and their places taken by men of inferior calibre, and that the increasing size of vessels and the more congested state of the Harbour necessarily required more care and knowledge on the part of the Pilots than in the past.

The Committee are strongly against the institution of compulsory piloting as the Harbour is not a naturally difficult one to navigate and by reason of their local knowledge a number of the masters of ships running in and out on the Coast trade do not require pilots.

It is very obvious that the possession of a certificate of competency cannot but prove advantageous to respectable men and the fees suggested are within the reach of all, so that the only effect would be to weed out the undesirable to make room for better men.

My Committee trust that, in view of the opinions expressed by the Shipping Community in favour of some control, I am exercising over the pilots, His Excellency will be pleased to give this matter further consideration.—I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. R. Lows, Secretary.
Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1903.
Sir, I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant on the proposed licensing of the pilots of this Port, and to inform you that the Governor has given it his full consideration.

2. With every wish to meet the views of the Chamber of Commerce if possible, His Excellency desires me to inform you that in view of the reasons fully set forth in my letter No. 1574 of the 15th July last he considers the proposal impracticable. His Excellency regrets therefore that he must adhere to the decision already conveyed to you in my letter No. 2256 of the 18th October.—I have, &c.,
(Signed) F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

The Chairman (Hon. C. S. Sharp) said that no further steps could very well be taken locally, and after some discussion it was decided to record the Committee's dissatisfaction with the decision arrived at by the Government.

TO PREVENT CROUP.

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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, January 30.

The reign of the shoe is seriously threatened, and it seems we are to make a determined effort to return to the days when civilisation was high in its infancy. Some enterprising bootmakers in the West End are exhibiting sandals for ladies' evening wear, and they assure anxious enquirers that they have many customers, but that these are generally the possessors of small feet and ankles, and who are, therefore, not averse to an unusual share of public attention.

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One preacher's church was situated within reach of a fashionable quarter, and he appealed to his flock by the announcement that they could attend in evening dress, so that they might have their evening meal in peace and attire as they were accustomed. It is quite an ordinary matter to have violin or organ solos, and Mrs. Brown Potter has recited in many sacred edifices. At a church in Clerkenwell, a vicar was convinced that the poor people whose religious needs he tended would attend sacred service if their neighbours were unable to criticise their shabby clothes, so every Thursday evening a 'Service in the Dark' is held, and they are largely attended by small shopkeepers and their families. The entire office is displayed by limelight on a screen, and the congregation are enabled to enjoy a truly novel magic lantern show while imbibing words of comfort and wisdom.

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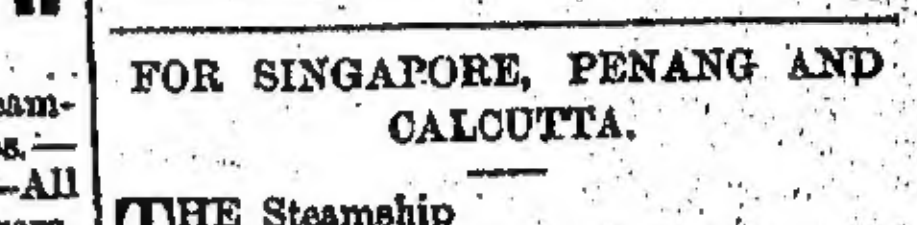
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SAILING Via PORTS of Call, WITH
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Cargo and Specie will be registered
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G. DE CHAMPEAU
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